

Special Emphasis Program (SEP)

The purpose of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of North Carolina is “to ensure so far as possible every working man and woman in the State of North Carolina safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources.” The OSH Division’s Five-Year Strategic Plan is designed to promote the achievement of this purpose through the specific goals and objectives established by the division and its employees.

To reduce injuries, illnesses and fatalities in North Carolina, the OSH Division established a basic strategy of designating specific performance goals affecting specific industry groups and workplace health hazards. By concentrating on injuries and illnesses and fatalities in these specific areas, the overall rates for days away, restricted or transferred rate (DART) should be reduced.

The primary SEP groups include:

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*Silica, isocyanates, asbestos, hexavalent chromium, lead

To aid employers in each of these industry groups, the Education, Training and Technical Assistance bureau has developed SEP-specific PowerPoint presentations. These presentations can be downloaded from the NCDOL website for use by the employer or training may be requested through our outreach services.

For further information regarding SEPs, contact the appropriate team leader of the SEP.